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## PATENT APPLICATION

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NO. 66597IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEApplicant: Thomas M. Cowan  
et al.Appln. No.: 08/821,890 *PCO*  
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Filed: March 21, 1997

Title: TELEVISION DISTRIBUTION  
FOR SIGNAL SUBSTITUTION

Group Art Unit: 2771

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Dear Sir:

Applicant has received a Notice of Abandonment dated June 16, 2000 in the above-identified file. This Petition is a request for withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment.

On April 13, 1999, an Office Action issued in the above-identified file for which a response was due by October 13, 1999, with payment for a 3 month extension. On October 13, 1999, a Petition for 3 month extension was filed by first class mail with a check for \$870.00. Also on October 13, 1999, a request for a continued prosecution application (CPA) was filed by Express Mail Service. From the June 16, 2000 Notice it is unknown what was not received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly,

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the following relates to both an unreceived Petition for Extension of Time sent by certificate of First Class mail under 37 C.F.R. §1.8 and an unreceived Request for CPA filed by certificate of Express Mail.

On October 13, 2000, applicant filed a Petition for Extension of Time by first class mail, which was addressed to:

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and included a certificate of mailing. The address and certificate of mailing are clearly shown on the attached copy of the October 13, 1999 mailing (Attachment 1A). Applicant provides the following information as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.8(b).

(1) The United States Patent and Trademark Office (the Office) is being promptly advised after applicant became aware of the Office's having no evidence of receipt of the correspondence.

(2) An additional copy of the correspondence (Attachment 1A) is included herewith as is a receipted copy of the return receipt postcard (Attachment 1B).

(3) The undersigned was responsible for the mailing of the Petition for Extension of Time, signed the certificate of mailing thereon and directed that the extension be mailed on the date signed. The return receipt postcard supports the receipt by the Office as does the canceled Check No.90905, a copy of which is enclosed herewith (Attachment 1C).

In view of the foregoing, the Petition for Extension of Time was timely filed and the present application was available for the filing of a CPA on October 13, 1999.

In support of the filing of the Request for Continued

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Prosecution Application on October 13, 1999 (Attachment IIA), the following information is provided. A copy of the Request for Continued Prosecution Application filed October 13, 1999, showing the Express Mail number of the mailing in the upper right of the cover page. A copy of the Express Mail mailing label (Attachment IIB) showing the same Express Mail number as the Request, showing a "Date in" of 10/13/99, and showing the proper address of the mailing. Also enclosed is a returned postcard receipt (Attachment IIC) bearing the receipt date by the Office of October 13, 1999.

In view of the foregoing, applicant has established that a three-month extension of time and a request for Continued Prosecution Application were timely filed in the subject application and the Notice of Abandonment should be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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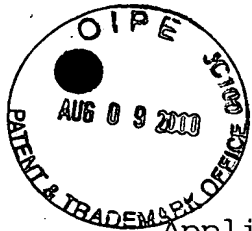
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LETTER

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Sir:

Enclosed is a Petition for a three-month extension of  
time and a check in the amount of \$ 870.00.

The Petition and fee are being submitted to establish  
copendency between the above-identified application and a  
Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Under 37 C.F.R.  
§1.53(d) thereof filed on even date herewith.

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